

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims as indicated:

1. (once amended) A system for maintaining and distributing a plurality of respective work [scheduling] schedules generated on behalf of at least one manager supervising a plurality of workers, and for enabling ones of the workers to initiate changes to their respective work schedules, the system comprising at least the following:

a schedule generator configured to generate data representing the plurality of respective work schedules [data]for [a]the plurality of workers;

a database in communication with said schedule generator for storing said [work schedule]data; and

at least one employee interface positioned at at least one [or more]location[s] within a work environment, wherein said at least one employee interface is in communication with said schedule generator and is configured to display data representing respective ones of the work schedules to corresponding ones of the workers, and is adapted to enable ones of the workers to initiate changes to their respective work schedules. [data.]

3. (once amended) The system of Claim 1 [further including a display monitor configured to display work schedule data to a plurality of workers], wherein the employee interface is adapted to enable the workers to initiate changes to their respective work schedules without action by the at least one manager.

4. (once amended) The system of Claim 1 further including an attendance module configured to utilize said data representing the work schedules [data]and data regarding which workers are present in the work place to determine worker attendance.

Please cancel claims 41, 42, and 43 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer.

44. (once amended) A scheduling apparatus for creating and displaying a work schedule comprising:

means for creating a schedule for each of a plurality of employees;

means for storing said schedule as schedule data;